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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 182
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A RESOLUTION To recognize and commend the James H. Quillen College of Medicine upon being ranked fourth in the nation for rural medicine education by *U.S. News & World Report*.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, The James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) is one such superior institution, which was recently recognized as one of the nation's top medical schools; and

WHEREAS, The *2002 Best Graduate Schools* issue of *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Quillen College of Medicine fourth in the nation for rural medicine education, a prestigious honor for one of the country's youngest medical schools; and

WHEREAS, In addition to achieving acclaim for its focus on rural medicine education, ETSU also received recognition for its family medicine training program, sharing the thirteenth position with Dartmouth Medical School, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic

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Medicine, University of Minnesota-Duluth, and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine;
and

WHEREAS, According to Dr. Ronald D. Franks, ETSU Dean of Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs, "Between 25 percent and 30 percent of students who attend Quillen go on to practice family medicine"; and

WHEREAS, The rankings are determined based on surveys sent to all 125 medical schools across the nation in which administrators at each institution rank other colleges based on reputation in several specialty areas, including family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, women's health, rural medicine, and geriatrics; and

WHEREAS, The James H. Quillen College of Medicine was established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1974 to help alleviate a critical shortage of primary care physicians; the college's first class of students enrolled in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Officially named in honor of Tennessee's longtime First District Congressman, James H. (Jimmy) Quillen, who was highly instrumental in the establishment of the school, Quillen College of Medicine is a publicly-supported academic institution dedicated to excellence in medical, biomedical and health education, research, and the improvement of health care in Northeast Tennessee and the surrounding Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Stanton, formerly College of Medicine Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, now President of East Tennessee State University, is very proud of this national recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this General Assembly to honor the James H. Quillen College of Medicine as a model of academic excellence and applaud its laudable achievements in educating the physicians of tomorrow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate the James H. Quillen College of Medicine upon the

occasion of its recognition as one of the nation's finest medical schools and commend the faculty, staff, administration, and students for their role in creating a nationally-renowned reputation for the school and for East Tennessee State University as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.